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OUT OF DEBT.

It will be gratifying to all friends of Westminster to know that of almost \$700,000 subscribed during the financial campaign, more than \$500,000 has already been paid in. Of the more than 4700 subscriptions made, more than 2300 have been paid in full, although some of these were not due for two or even four years. Moreover Westminster is free from debt. This does not simply mean that all outstanding obligations are covered by subscriptions, but that every dollar of debt has actually been paid. Westminster now represents an investment of more than \$1,000,000. To all true friends of education this should be a source of pride and real personal interest. To the students of the present and of the years to come, it should mean better equipment, a strong faculty, a larger opportunity. To the Faculty and Board of Trustees, it brings a deeper feeling of responsibility and a renewed purpose to make Westminster serve increasingly in the building of strong, clean, disciplined, Christian character.

NEW CENTRAL HEATING PLANT.

Work on the new heating plant is progressing under the direction of Mr. M. O. Thomas, an old Westminster man. The honesty of construction and workmanship shown in the William Chrisman Swope Memorial Chapel, of which Mr. Thomas was contractor and builder, argues well for the faithfulness with which the new contract will be fulfilled. Our obligations to him must be met just as faithfully. For a time now money that is received from the payment of pledges, that is not designated for endowment, will be used for this building, as a large part of what has heretofore been paid and was undesignated has been turned into endowment. Prompt payment of what is due on subscriptions will be appreciated greatly. Doubtless many more will do as others have done and soon pay in full—a thing which we cannot urge, but which would be of great advantage to us just now.

It has been asked why we are building now when all prices are unusually high. There are two reasons. First, because the old heating plant is worn

out. A competent engineer examined it a year ago and advised us that it would not justify any extensive repairs, but that it might be made to last through the winter, though he would not guarantee it. Second, even if in good condition, it did not have the capacity to heat the new chapel in addition to the present buildings. It is hoped that the new plant will not only give better service, but will be more economical in operation.

THE WILLIAM CHRISMAN SWOPE MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

The new chapel was used for the commencement exercises, though it has not yet been dedicated. It is planned to have the dedication service at an early date, and fuller announcement will be made later. It is expected that the pipe organ will be installed before the opening of school, and that the new building will be used for the daily chapel services of the college.

THE COLUMNS.

With the return of old students for Commencement there was awakened a new determination on the part of the alumni to save The Columns. The following is quoted from a letter written by Mr. E. A. Neel, '97.

"After the fire in 1909, the only part left of Westminster Hall and Chapel were the six columns which stood in front and supported the roof of Westminster Hall. The cap-rocks are still in place but below, the mortar between the bricks and some of the bricks are coming out, and any strong wind is apt to (and will in the near future) blow the pillars down unless we former students put up the money to come to their rescue.

It is proposed to put two bronze

tablets, one on each of the center pillars, the one telling of the pillars, the other giving the names of and a memorial to the fourteen Westminster men who gave their lives in the great war."

In accepting the treasurership of the fund which is being raised for this purpose, Dr. John J. Rice has written:

"When I recall the thousand young faces that lived and studied and "pranked" under their shadow, I know there must be many "bearded" men now in the full tide of business who would like to have this memorial of their youth preserved. Can we preserve them, or shall they crumble and fall? A trifle from each one, and they can be made to stand for a century."

REUNION HALL.

Many changes have been made in Reunion Hall, the Dormitory, this summer. The entire interior has been painted, varnished, and tinted, and all the floors have been re-finished. The dining room has been moved down stairs, on the floor with the kitchen. The old dining room is to be fitted up as a reading and recreation room, with the expectation of making it a center for the social life of the student body. The larger plan for the coming years looks to the development of this idea until the campus, with its professors' homes and fraternity houses, shall more and more become a community center for all the college life.

Professor Reeves, who has always been one of the most popular members of the Faculty, and who returns from his war service with an enriched experience, will live in Reunion Hall with the students and will be in charge.

Mrs. J. B. Jackson, who for a num-

ber of years conducted one of the most successful boarding tables in Fulton, at The Jackson House, is managing the dining room and kitchen. Her recognized ability and popularity will be an asset to the College.

SOCIAL LIFE.

Social training should be a part of the education of every student. In this respect Westminster is unusually fortunate in being situated in a town with the education, culture and hospitality of Fulton. And there is no separation between "Town and Gown," as is the case in so many college towns. The residents of Fulton have a sincere interest in Westminster and the students, and this friendship is appreciated by the students, who soon come to love Fulton. A former student from south western Missouri said just a few days ago, "What would I not give to be able to walk down Court Street in Fulton!" The fact that there are two girls' colleges in Fulton, Synodical and William Woods, is another fortunate circumstance. Their frequent hospitality to college students is of much profit in many ways of pleasantness.

Y. M. C. A.

Last year was one of special activity for the Y. M. C. A. It is worth noting, too, that outside the state institutions, Westminster had the only War Secretary for the S. A. T. C. in Missouri, Rev. W. E. Simmons. The Y. M. C. A. conducted a canteen during the S. A. T. C., arranged for special speakers and entertainments, held social evenings, conducted voluntary Bible classes that had an attendance of about fifty, and kept busy in various other ways during the year. Mr. John

Paul Jones has been re-elected president, and that insures another year in which something virile and helpful will be happening all the time. A committee of Y. M. C. A. men will meet all trains, at the opening of the term, to welcome the new men and help them get located.

ATTENDANCE.

The total attendance during the school year 1918-19, including the S. A. T. C., which makes the number larger than normal, was 287. Of these, 78 were from St. Louis City and County. The Academy attendance last year was 52. The discontinuing of all academy work will necessarily lower the attendance somewhat the first year, and yet the prospects just now are good. A much larger proportion of the old students than usual have signified their intention of returning, and many new students have already made reservations.

NEW PROFESSORS.

It has been a source of gratification that Professor C. A. McPheeters, A. B. Westminster, '90, Ph. D. Chicago, has accepted the new Chair of Education. Dr. McPheeters has done graduate work both in Europe and America, and as President of Synodical College, Dean of Olivet College and Professor of Philosophy and Bible in Hampden-Sidney College, has had an educational experience that will add strength to his department.

Professor Clyde T. Reed, M. A., has been elected to the Chair of Biology, succeeding Prof. C. J. Elmore, Ph. D., who was won away from Westminster by Grand Island College, where he had formerly taught. Professor Reed is a graduate of Parsons Col-



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lege, received his M. A. from Harvard, and has had four or five years of successful teaching experience.

ATHLETICS.

Coach W. B. Whitlow is to be Director of Athletics for the third consecutive year. Mr. Whitlow, when a student at Westminster, was for four years a member of the foot ball team, being center on the State Championship team of 1911 and all-Missouri center the same year. Later he attended Missouri University Law School and had training in coaching under Missouri's noted coach, C. L. Brewer. Mr. Whitlow not only knows athletes and athletics, but his teams have a reputation for clean playing and sportsmanship that is not excelled by any team in the State.

Priest Field, the athletic grounds, has a sandy soil that is seldom muddy, and never rough and cloddy, so that little time is lost by the teams because of wet grounds.

DR. REED'S VACATION.

President Reed is away for his first vacation in two years, and it is one that is well earned. A letter recently received at the College Office from Dr. Rice, who is spending the summer with his son in Kentucky, says, "I trust that Dr. Reed will soon be able to take his much needed vacation and rest his tired nervous system. If ever a man was entitled to it, surely he is." There were times during those strenuous months when it was due only to Dr. Reed's faith and persistence that the campaign was not

postponed or abandoned. The S. A. T. C. brought with it a multitude of perplexities and problems that inspired grave doubts about there being no new thing under the sun. With questions of finance and new buildings and educational policy, with interviews with students and faculty and patrons, with a multitude of details that cannot be catalogued, there has been a burden upon him that only those who knew his daily work could appreciate. While his energy and enthusiasm have never slackened, the vacation will bring new strength to work out his plans for a bigger, better Westminster.

THE LIBRARY.

The Library is being reorganized and the card index brought up to date. Miss Bertha E. Fergerson, cataloguer for the State Historical Society of Missouri, and our Librarian, Mrs. Lee W. Rood, are spending the month of August in this work.

Although the library was completely destroyed by the fire of 1909, we shall have over 11,000 books, besides the pamphlets and government documents, available when this work is completed.

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Westminster College has for sale an excellent 400 acre stock farm, six miles from Fulton. This farm was given to Westminster College in our recent campaign. It has living water the year round.

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The Fall Term opens September 16.